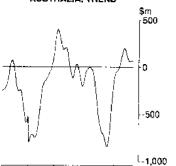
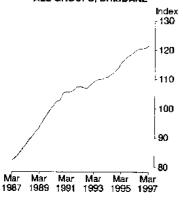
#### BALANCE ON GOODS AND SERVICES, AUSTRALIA, TREND



# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS, BRISBANE

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#### AUSTRALIA

#### GOODS AND SERVICES

- The trend estimate of the balance on goods and services recorded a surplus of \$71m in March 1997, showing little change since November 1996. This is the thirteenth consecutive surplus on this balance.
- Exports of goods and services, in trend terms, increased \$71m, or 0.8% from February 1997 to March 1997, continuing the upward trend since September 1996. Imports of goods and services, in trend terms, increased \$68m, or 0.8% from February 1997 to March 1997, continuing the upward movement since August 1996.

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### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, BRISBANE

 All groups index was 121.5 for March quarter 1997, increasing 1.6% from March quarter 1996.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Remained stable, in trend terms, at 9.8% for April 1997. For females, in trend terms, decreased 0.1 percentage point to 9.1% for April 1997. For males, in trend trems, increased 0.1 percentage point to 10.3% for April 1997.

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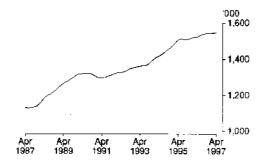
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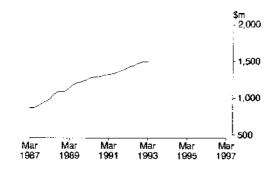
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EMPLOYED PERSONS, QUEENSLAND, TREND



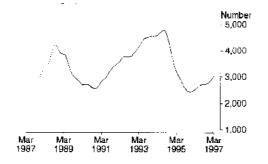
The number of employed persons, in trend terms, was 1,545,000 in April 1997, increasing 1.4% from April 1996. Full-time employment for males decreased for the sixth consecutive month, recording a decrease of 2.0% from April 1996 to April 1997. Female full-time employment increased 1.4% for the same period. Part-time employment coninued to rise for both males and females, with increases of 9.5% and 8.1%, respectively, from April 1996 to April 1997.

RETAIL TRADE TURNOVER, QUEENSLAND, TREND



Retail trade turnover in Queensland, in trend terms, increased for the fourth consecutive month, recording \$1,903.2m in March 1997. This was an increase of 3.3% from the March 1996 figure.

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, QUEENSLAND, TREND



Total dwelling units approved in Queensland, in trend terms, totalled 3,074 in March 1997, increasing 3.2% from February 1997 and 21.0% from March 1996.

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June	65 801	18 062	19 405	4 622	25 475	24 534	106 170	109 971
September	66 069	18 015	19 968	4 487	25 727	25 039	106 909	110 789
December	66 278	18 05 <del>6</del>	20 364	4 407	25 854	25 488	107 520	111 471
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			TREND (\$ mil:	ion)		
996						
March	10 988	2 867	3 362	1 105	18 322	17 665
June	11 080	2 877	3 558	1 070	18 5 <b>8</b> 5	17 897
September	11 134	2 876	3 775	976	18 761	18 126
December	11 173	2 884	3 957	884	18 898	18 326
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June	10 898	2 997	3 647	1 457	18 999	17 938
September	11 166	2 806	3 800	767	18 539	18 047
December	11 741	2 972	4 250	865	19 828	18 393
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At average 1989–90 prices.



# MAJOR INDICATORS—Queensland continued

	TOTAL BUSINESS NAMES REGISTERED <sup>1</sup>	BANKRUPTCIES <sup>2</sup>	INTERSTATE TRADE		
			Exports	Imports	
Quarter	No.	No.	\$m	\$m	
	**********		******		
19 <del>96</del>					
March	175 943	1 052	1 516	3 115	
June	176 658	1 051	1 668	3 395	
September	176 668	1 225	1 528	3 372	
December	178 440	1 156	1 479	3 478	
********	*****		****		
	% C	HANGE (from corresponding	ng period of prev	ious vear)	
1996		,		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
September	1.9	45.5	-2.0	-0.7	
	2.3	29,2	0.2	0.1	

FOREIGN TRADE.....

	Exports	Imports
Month	<b>\$</b> m	Sm
******	********	**********
1996		
December	1 114	714
1997		
January	957	784
February	1 096	682
March	1 064	676

# % CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year)

#### **1997** February

February	17.4	5.9
March	20.4	1.6

<sup>1</sup> Stock at end of period. Source: Office of Consumer Affairs.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Source: Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: Queensland Government Statistician.



# PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION

Rooms   Room nights   Room occupancy   Takings from accommodation   Units available   Unit nights occupied   Takings from accommodation		AUSTRALIA—	INDEXES OF MANUFA	CTURING GROSS PRODU	JCT <sup>1</sup>		,,,,	
September   105.0	Quarter	_	, ,,				•	groups
1996	********		*******	***********	e e e		********	*****
March	1006			TRËND				
June		105.6	<b>09</b> 7	112 5	66.6	440.5		
September   104.5								
TREND   % change from corresponding period of previous year)								
TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)   1996	· ·							
TREND   % change from corresponding period of previous year)   1996   1.1   8.5   1.0     1.1   8.5   1.0     1.1   8.5   1.0     1.1   8.5   1.0     1.1   1.0     1.1   1.0     1.1   1.0     1.1   1.0     1.1   1.0     1.1   1.0     1.1     1.0     1.1     1.0     1.1     1.0     1.1     1.0     1.	December							
1996     1.1   8.5   1.0     1.0     1.1   1.0     1	********	********					******	*****
December   -0.8   -0.5   1.9   1.1   8.5   1.0	4000		TREND (% change	from corresponding per	iod of <mark>previou</mark>	s year)		
1996   September   102.6   78.5   112.7   95.8   114.2   101.1     June   99.5   79.4   118.0   93.9   122.7   102.6     December   103.9   88.5   114.2   101.3   131.7   109.2     December   115.3   89.5   114.0   89.2   125.7   109.0      ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)     1996		0.0	2.5	4.0				
1996	December	-0.8	-0.5	1.9	1.1	8.5		1.0
1996	> < + > < > > < > > < > > < > > > < > > > >	*****	8 * \$ * * 0 / > 0 / > 4 * 9 / 5	5 * 5 4 * 6 6 5 6 7 5 6 7 5 7 5 7 6 7	»«×»«»«»»»	*******	******	
March   102.6   78.5   112.7   95.8   114.2   101.1     June   99.5   79.4   116.0   93.9   122.7   102.6     September   103.9   88.5   114.3   107.3   131.7   100.2     December   115.3   89.5   114.0   99.2   125.7   109.0				ORIGINAL				
June   S9.5   79.4   118.0   93.9   122.7   102.6		486.5						
September   103.9   88.5   114.3   107.3   131.7   109.2     December   115.3   89.5   114.0   99.2   125.7   109.0     ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)					95.8	114.2	10	1.1
ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)   1996			79.4	116.0	93.9	122.7	10	2.6
ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)   1996		103.9	<b>88</b> .5	114.3	107.3	131.7	10	9.2
1996	December	115.3	89.5	114.0	99.2	125.7	10	9.0
December   0.9	******	*****	********	**************		******		
December   0.9   -0.3   2.1   -1.6   6.7			ORIGINAL (% chang	e from corresponding pe	riod of previou	us vear)		
QUEENSLANDSHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION	1996			,		3+,		
QUEENSLAND-SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION	December	0.9	-0.3	2.1	-1.6	6.7		
Rooms   Room nights   Room occupancy   Takings from   Units   Unit nights   Unit occupancy   Takings from   available   occupied   rate   accommodation   variable   variable	*****	* * * * * * * * * *	7 P # # # # # # # # #	* * * * * * * * * * * * *	* * * * * * * * *	*****	\$ \$ \$ # # # # \$ 1	* * * %
Rooms   Room nights   Room occupancy   Takings from   Units   Unit nights   Unit occupancy   Takings from   accommodation   Available   Occupied   Value   V		QUEENSLAND	SHORT-TERM ACCC	MMODATION				
qualitable         occupied         rate         accommodation         available         occupied         rate         accommodation           Quarter         '000         '000         %         \$m         '000         '000         %         \$m           1996         March         42.7         2.269         58.7         227.1         18.9         - 1.001         58.5         68.8           June         43.7         2.278         57.6         218.2         18.8         846         49.4         52.6           September         43.5         2.617         65.5         252.9         19.4         1.259         70.7         80.8           December         44.4         2.557         62.7         262.6         20.2         1.142         61.7         81.6           **CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year)    **Test CHANGE**  **CHANGE**  **Test CHANGE**  **Tes		LICENSED HO	TELS, MOTELS WITH	FACILITIES	SELF CON	TAINED UNITS	S, FLATS AND HO	DUSES
1996  March 42.7 2.269 58.7 227.1 18.9 - 1.001 58.5 68.8  June 43.7 2.278 57.6 218.2 18.8 846 49.4 52.6  September 43.5 2.617 65.5 252.9 19.4 1.259 70.7 80.8  December 44.4 2.557 62.7 262.6 20.2 1.142 61.7 81.6  **CHANGE* (from corresponding period of previous year)  1996  September 3.8 0.8 4.3 4.8 5.4 11.3			_			~		Takings from accommodation
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September 43.5 2 617 65.5 252.9 19.4 1 259 70.7 80.8 December 44.4 2 557 62.7 262.6 20.2 1 142 61.7 81.6  ***********************************					18.9	1.001	58.5	68.8
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December 44.4 2 557 62.7 262.6 20.2 1 142 61.7 81.6  ***********************************	September		2 617 65.5	252.9	19.4	1 259	70.7	80.8
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1996 September 3.8 0.8 4.3 4.8 5.4 11.3			% CHANGE (fre	om corresponding period	of previous v	ear)		
December	1996		,	. •	, , ,	•		
December 5.5	September	3.8	0.8 .,	4.3	4.8	5.4		11.3
	December	5.2	4.4	6.9	7.3	7.2		15.2

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  At average 1989–90 prices. Base: 1989–90=100.0.



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# PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION continued

	MINERAL PROI	DUCTION	•••••	************	MINERAL EXPLOR <b>A</b> TIO	
	Black coal (saleable) <sup>1</sup>	Copper <sup>2</sup>	Gold <sup>2</sup>	Totaf		
Quarter	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 kg	\$rn	Sm	
*******	***********	******	************		*********	
1996						
March June	22 084,0	64.7	6.9	1 353.0	40.9	
September	23 755.0	73.9	6.7	1 401.0	56.9	
December	23 945.0 25 277.0	83.8	6.3	1 339.0	38.3	
		75.1	7.3	1 368.0	43.0	
	****************		m corresponding period		0 × 0 + 0 K + 0 K N 0	
<b>1996</b> September	<b>=</b> 0					
December	-5.8 15.8	<b>3</b> 1.9 1 <b>9</b> .5	-9.8 -13.5	-8.2 -2.7	-12.6 9.1	
	QUEENSLAND					
	RETAIL TRADE T			CLE REGISTRATIONS		
	WEITING THOUSE I	OTT OF ETT				
			Passenger vehicles	Total		
lonth	\$m		No,	No.		
* ***	********		TREND	************* <b>**</b> ***	· A	
996						
	1 853.3		8 106	10 230		
December						
997	4 OCE 0					
<b>997</b> January	1 865.8		8 246	10 400		
<b>997</b> January February	1 881.7		8 384	10 566		
9 <b>97</b> January February March	1 881.7 1 903.2		8 384 8 585	10 566 10 822		
<b>997</b> January February	1 881.7 1 903.2		8 384 8 585	10 566 10 822	s-	
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January February March  997 February	1 881.7 1 903.2 TRE		8 384 8 585	10 566 10 822	s -	
January February March  Pebruary  March  March  March  March	1 881.7 1 903.2 TRE 2.6 3.3	END (% change from	8 384 8 585 corresponding period of 2.1 3.0	10 566 10 822 of previous year) <sup>-</sup> 2.3 3.2	-	
January February March  997 February March	1 881.7 1 903.2 TRE 2.6 3.3	END (% change from	8 384 8 585 corresponding period of 2.1 3.0	10 566 10 822 of previous year) <sup>-</sup> 2.3 3.2	-	
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January February March  Pebruary March  March  Pebruary March  December	1 881.7 1 903.2 TRE 2.6 3.3	END (% change from	8 384 8 585 corresponding period of 2.1 3.0	10 566 10 822 of previous year) <sup>-</sup> 2.3 3.2	-	
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January February March  February March  Pebruary March  December January February	1 881.7 1 903.2 TRE 2.6 3.3 2 316.4 1 897.4 1 666.1	END (% change from	8 384 8 585 corresponding period of 3.0 2.1 3.0 ORIGINAL 8 502 6 871 7 832	10 566 10 822 ***********************************	-	
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January February March  997 February March  996 December 997 January February March	1 881.7 1 903.2 TRE 2.6 3.3 2 316.4 1 897.4 1 666.1 1 804.9	END (% change from	8 384 8 585 corresponding period of 3.0 2.1 3.0 ORIGINAL 8 502 6 871 7 832 8 564	10 566 10 822 ***********************************	ė	
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# LABOUR AND DEMOGRAPHY—Queensland

	UNEMPL	OYMENT RAI	ГЕ		PARTICIPATION RATE				
	Males	Females	<i>P</i> ersons	Persons age to 19 years	ed 15 Males	Female:	s Perso	ons	
Month	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		
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			TF	REND					
<b>199</b> 7									
January	9.8	9.5	9.7	n.a.	74.3	55.0	64.5		
February	10.0	9.4	9.7	n.a.	74.1	55.0	64.5		
March	10.2	9.2	9.8	n,a,	73.9	55.0	64.4		
April	10.3	9.1	9.8	n.a.	73.7	55.0	64.3	ŀ	
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1997			OR	GINAL					
January	<b>1</b> 1.1	10.7	1 <b>1</b> .0	26.6	74.6	53.9	64.1		
February	10.8	10.5	10.7	24.8	74.3	55.9 55.9	65.0		
March	11.3	9.6	10.6	24.1	74.1	55.9 55.2	64.6		
April	10.3	9.1	9.8	20.7	73.7	54.9	64.2		
• 1	*	0.1	4.0	20.7	,	5-1.0	04.2		
****	* * * * * *	*****	***	***	* * * * * * * * * *	***	* * * *		
									PERSONS IN
	EMPLOY	ED PERSONS	\$		•••••	UNEMPLO	YED PERS	SONS	THE LABOUR FORCE
	FULL-TIN	ИЕ	PART-TIN	1E	TOTAL				
Month	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
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<b>199</b> 7				IREN	D ('000)				
January	776.7	377.0	102.2	287.9	1 543.7	95.8	69.9	165.7	1 709.4
February	773.2	375.9	103.6	291.5	1 544.2	97.4	69.1	166.6	1 710.7
March	769.7	375.3	105.0	294.6	1 544.5	98.9	68.2	167.1	1 711.6
April	766.5	374,9	106.5	297.1	1 545.0	99.9	67.1	167.0	1 712.0
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		TREN	ID (% chaлg	e from corres	sponding period of	previous yea	ar)		
<b>199</b> 7		_							
April	-2.0	1.4	9.5	8.1	1.4	13.3	1.7	8.4	2.0
*****		******	6 × 6 × 6 × 6 × 6			*****			*****
				ORIGIN	AL ('000)				
1997									
January	770,9	375.1	99.3	267.7	1 513.0	109.1	77.3	186.4	1 699.4
February	773.9	376.6	97.1	293.1	1 540.6	105.7	78.7	184.5	1 725.1
March	756.6	374.4	109.0	295.6	1 535.6	110.4	71.3	181.8	1 717.4
April	762.4	369.8	109.0	301.4	1 542.6	100.6	67.4	167.9	1 710.5
********									
		ORIGIN	iAL (% chan	ge from corre	esponding period o	f previous ye	ear)		
1997									
April	-2.1	2.0	11.7	9.0	1.8	8.3	-3.5	3.2	1.9



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# LABOUR AND DEMOGRAPHY—Queensland continued

Quarter  1996  May August November 1997  February	Manu Mining uring '000 '000 21.9 173.8		Wholesale and retail trade	Accom- modation, cafes and	Transport	Finance	Property and	Governmen adminis-	nt	Health and		
1996 May August November 1997 February	'000 '000 21.9 173.			restaurants	and storage	and insurance	business services	tration and defence	l Education	communi	· .	Tad-
May August November 1997 February	21.9 173.		.000	'000	'000	1000	1000	'000	'000	,000	Other '000	Total '000
May August November 1997 February		. * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *		6 * r * r * * * * *								
August November 1997 February									*			
November 1997 February			323.3	76.0	86.7	48.1	137.0	66.7	112.5	137.5	217.5	1 524.
1997 February	19.7 165.		326.1	81.8	87.3	46.9	138.2	62.1	107.8	139.6	222.9	1 526.
February	20.6 168.8	3 129.9	328.6	86.3	83.9	47.7	147.6	65.3	108.6	147.4	215.4	1 550.
	15.3 171.8	3 127.1	334.6	88.6	90.5	45.7	140.7	66.2	106.0	138.2	216.0	1 540
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				om corresp	onding pe				· · · · · · · · ·	. * * * * * * *	*****	
		,	WHOL THE	mi comespi	onding pe	nour or pre	svious ye	ar)				
February	-9.5 <b>-</b> 6.4	4 –0.7	3.6	20.9	1 <b>1</b> .2	1.6	-4.9	-2.8	5.1	1.2	3.2	1.
	EMPLOYED 1	UACE AND CAL	ROW CARAM	Pho.								
	ENALDITO A	VAGE AND SAL	ARY EARNE	:RS		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •						
	PRIVATE	G	OVERNMEN	NT								
	Total	Co	mmonwealth	State		Local	i	Total				
Month	'000	'Ot	00	,000		'000	,	000				
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December	719.1	43	7.5	193.4	4	32.7	:	273.6				
1995	726.6	45	5.7	186.3	1	32.7	2	264.6				
January February	740.1	ΔF	5.4	191.7	7	22.4	,	70.4				
March	741.6		5.5	193.		33.4 33.8		270.4 272.4				
	· 2 ^ 2 V ^ <b>8 ^</b> ^ 4 ^ A	******	~ * / * * * * * .									
	% CHANG	GE (fram corres	nonding n	erind of pre	eviaus ves	ar)		* * * * *				
1995	75 07 11 11 1	ie (ii oiii oones	-bourding bi	citod of pre	zvious yea	11 /						
March	6.8	t	L.3	-1.1	1	0.3		-0.6				
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	AVERAGE W (full-time a	VEEKLY EARNIN duit)	IGS		JOB VACA	ANCIES		OVERTIM	E			
	Males	Female	s					Average wee	ekly hours į	per employ	ee	
Quarter	\$	s			'000			Hours				
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February	650.30	554.30	ነ		7.0			4.00				
May	662.00	554,30 553,70			7.2 7.3			1.06				
August	665.60	569.80			7.3 9.0			1.20 0.97				
	679.00	579.80			9.0			1.01				
November					. =							
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		% CHANGE	(from corre	asponding :	guarter of	PROVIDUR	A					
November					7	previous	year)					
	3.8	4.3			-3.2	previous	year)	-10.2				



### LABOUR AND DEMOGRAPHY—Queensland continued

ESTIMATED	RESIDENT
POPILI ATION	d

POPULATION GROWTH DURING PERIOD.....

		Natural increase	Net estimated interstate migration	Net estimated overseas migration	Total
Quarter	'000	No.	No.	No.	No.
1995		* * <b>* * * * * * * * * * * *</b> * * * * *		434441	*******
December	3 316.1	5 603	10 079	2 854	18 536
1996					
March	3 339.0	7 512	10 975	4 393	22 880
June	3 354.7	6 151	6 662	2 843	15 656
September	3 373.2	5 901	7 948	4 717	18 566

% CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year)

1996

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AT 30 JUNE.....

	Brisbane <sup>1</sup>	Moreton <sup>1</sup>	Wide Bay-Burnett <sup>1</sup>	Far North¹	Queensland
Year	'000	'000	'000	'0000	0000
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1992-93	1 421.6	533.7	209.3	190.4	3 116.0
1993-94	1 454.4	558.7	216.1	195.7	3 196.1
1994-95	1 488.9	584.2	222.5	200.9	3 277.1
1995-96	1 525.5	606.0	227.7	206.0	3 354.7

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES2

SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS MOVEMENT

FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES ARRIVALS DEPARTURES

	- Working days lost	Maíes	Females		. •	
Month	'000	Index No.	Index No.	'000	'000'	
*******	*******	*******			*****	****
19 <del>96</del>						
November	7.6	146.5	150.0	137.1	139.2	
December	6.3	146.5	150.0	164.1	153.2	
1997						
January	1.7	146.5	150.2	151.4	144.8	
February	n.y.a.	146,5	150.2	143.3	125.8	

		SOUNDARY (HOW COME	sponding period of t	previous years	
1997					
January	••	1.5	1.5	9.5	12.1
February	F1	1.5	1.5	4.2	5.0

<sup>3</sup> Statistical Division.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Base: June 1985 = 100.0.



# BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION—Queensland

	BUILDING A	APPROVA: S			***************************************		•••••	
	TREND	•••••	ÓRIG NAL.					
	New houses	Total dwelling units	New houses	New other residential buildings	Total dwelling units	Value of dwelling units approved	Value of non-residential buildings approved	Total value o all building approved
Month	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$m	Sm	\$m
	*********	*********		*******	5 4 4 5 6 7 5 5 5 5 8 5	******	**********	********
1996 December 1997	1 924	2 813	1 619	634	2 312	216.9	12 <b>8</b> .6	363.9
January	1 945	2 886	1 5 <b>6</b> 9	661	2 239	213.3	202.2	430.3
February	1 970	2 97 <b>8</b>	1 804	882	2 700	248.4	140.2	405.8
March	1 <b>99</b> 6	3 074	1 870	972	2 846	269.4	144.1	432.8
v			*******	******				
1007		% CHA	NGE (from corre	sponding pe	riod of previou	s year)		
1997 March	0.8 • • • » » « « «	21.0	~2.7	95.6 * * * * » » «	17.5 • ४ स २ <b>० ०</b> ० ० ३	22.7	-8.4 * * * * * * + > * *	9.2
	******	<b>ቀ                                    </b>	******	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	17.5 > 중 국 국 국 유 공 ২	) * * * * * * *	* * * * * * * * *	9.2 *****
	******	UNIT COMMEN	CEMENTS	******	17.5 > 중 국 국 국 유 공 ২	) * * * * * * *	-8.4 * * * * * * * * * * GCONSTRUCTION	9.2 *****
	******	<b>ቀ                                    </b>	******	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	17.5  • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	) * * * * * * *	* * * * * * * * *	9.2 * * * * * *
March ♦ • • স স ও ও ও	DWELLING	UNIT COMMEN  New other residential	<b>6                                    </b>	名 キ キ き お a a Value of non-residentia	17.5  • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	S & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & &	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	9.2 * * * * * *
March	DWELLING I	UNIT COMMEN  New other residential buildings	CEMENTS  Value of new residential building	を キ キ お ま 。 Value of non-residentia building	17.5  • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	ENGINEERING	CONSTRUCTION  Value of work done	9.2 * * * * * *
March  ♣ ♣ ♠ ≫ ≫ ★ ♠  Quarter	DWELLING I	UNIT COMMEN  New other residential buildings	CEMENTS  Value of new residential building	を キ キ お ま 。 Value of non-residentia building	17.5  • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	ENGINEERING	CONSTRUCTION  Value of work done  Sm	9.2 * * * * * *
March  • • • » » • •  Quarter	DWELLING I	UNIT COMMEN  New other residential buildings  No.	ICEMENTS  Value of new residential building  \$m	Value of non-residential building	17.5  • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	ENGINEERING	CONSTRUCTION  Value of work done  Sm	9.2 * * * * * *
March  * * * * * * * * * *  Quarter  L996  March	DWELLING I	UNIT COMMEN  New other residential buildings  No.	CEMENTS  Value of new residential building  \$m	Value of non-residential building \$m	17.5  • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	ENGINEERING	CONSTRUCTION  Value of work done  Sm  674.4 801.6	9.2 *****
March  * * * * * * * * *  Quarter  L996  March  June	DWELLING I	UNIT COMMEN  New other residential buildings  No.  2 042 2 147	CEMENTS  Value of new residential building  \$m  666.0 858.5	Value of non-residentia building \$m	17.5  • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	ENGINEERING	CONSTRUCTION  Value of work done  Sm	9.2 * * * * * *
March  * * * * * * * *  Quarter  L996  March  June  September	DWELLING I  New houses  No.  4 835 6 086 5 691	UNIT COMMEN  New other residential buildings  No.  2 042 2 147 2 142 2 147	CEMENTS  Value of new residential building  \$m  666.0  858.5  769.1	Value of non-residentia building \$m  591.3 731.0 551.2 602.2	17.5  • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	ENGINEERING  Value of work  commenced  Sim  616.0  622.8  1.75.7	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	9.2 *****
March  • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	DWELLING I  New houses  No.  4 835 6 086 5 691 6 168	UNIT COMMEN  New other residential buildings  No.  2 042 2 147 2 142 2 147	CEMENTS  Value of new residential building  \$m  666.0  858.5  769.1  848.6	Value of non-residentia building \$m 591.3 731.0 551.2 602.2	17.5  • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	ENGINEERING  Value of work  commenced  Sim  616.0  622.8  1.75.7	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	9.2 ******
March  • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	DWELLING I  New houses  No.  4 835 6 086 5 691 6 168	UNIT COMMEN  New other residential buildings  No.  2 042 2 147 2 142 2 147	CEMENTS  Value of new residential building  \$m  666.0  858.5  769.1  848.6	Value of non-residentia building \$m 591.3 731.0 551.2 602.2	17.5  • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	ENGINEERING  Value of work  commenced  Sim  616.0  622.8  1.75.7	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	9.2 * * * * * *
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# PRICE INDEXES

	AUSTRALIA	٠									•••••
	Articles produ	ced by manu	facturing indus	;ry¹			. Materials	used in manufac	turing industry	Export <sup>3</sup>	import <sup>a</sup>
Month	Food, beverages and tobacco	Basic metal products	Petroleum and coal products	Transport equipment	Fabricated metal products	All groups	Imported materials	Domestic materials	Ali materials	All groups	All group
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1996											
November December	126.9 126.9	101.5 101.7	136.3 137.7	121.8 121.5	120.5 120.8	121.5 121.6	109.7 1 <b>0</b> 9. <b>3</b>	104.0 103.9	106.0 105.8	90.8 90.7	108.7 108.0
1997	120.0	101.1	131.1	757-7	120.5	121.0	109.5	102.9	103.0	9U.1	108.0
January	127.1	102.8	138.9	122.1	120.9	122.0	109.8	105.9	107.2	91.6	108.8
February	127.4	103.8	138.7	122.0	121.0	122.3	109.4	105.3	106.7	92.9	109.3
*******	*********					6 1 4 2 2 4 4 4 4 4 4					,,,,,,,
1997			% CHANGE	(from corre	esponding (	period of pr	revious ye	ar)			
February	0.5	-5.5	9.1	0.2	1.4	0.6	-7.8	-1.4	-3.8	-4.0	-4.7
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	BRISBANE	· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	*		QUEENSLAI	ND3		
	Consumer pri	ce index²					ablished ise²	Prices received by farmers <sup>4</sup>	Prices paid by farmers		ners' terms ade*
Quarter	Food	Housing	Trans	portation	All groups						
<pre></pre>	> 0 < > < > < < > < > < < < < < < < < <		. > , > , < , , < ,	*****	******	******		>< , 0 < , 0 < . >		. 0 < > 0 < >	< > 0 < > 0 .
<b>1996</b> June	117.8	440 5	100		100.4	4.50	7.4	100.0	487 F		
September	117.8	112.5 112.4	122. 122.		120.4 120.6	13) 13)	-	109.2 104.1	1.27.5 129.0	84 80	
December	118.0	109.6	123.		120.8	136		101.5	127.5	78	
<b>1997</b> March	119.8	106.4	124.	4	121.5	n.y	/.a.	п.у.а.	n.y.a.	n.y.	a.
******	*****										
			% CHANGE	(from corre	esponding p	period of pr	evious yea	ar)			
1997	_										
March	2.4	-5.1	3.	2	1.6	n.y	/.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.	a.
*****	* * * * * * * *	****	* * * * * * *	***	. 6 4 4 4 9	*****	5 13	*****	***	* * * * *	
	BRISBANE										
	Materials use	d in house_bu	ıilding <sup>2</sup>	Materi	als used in bu	liding other th	an house²				
Month	All groups			Structo	ural steel	Ready	-mixed concr	rete All gro	ups		
	# V A # # V E # V 5		5 ~ 6 8 8 6 8 7 8								
<b>1996</b> December	115.0			137.2	)	103.4	ļ.	<b>1</b> 15.6	<b>3</b>		
1997				131.2		200.4		223.0			
January	115.1			136.1		103.4		115.7			
February March	115.0 116.0			136.1 136.1		104.6 104.7		116.1 116.5			
MICICII			, , , , , , , , , , ,								
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *			(from corr					< > 0 * 3 * 5 * 5 * 5 * 5	0 * > 0		
1997		, Committee	. 1.50111 00111	-chounille )	oction of pr	crious yea	' '				
March	1.8			-0.9	)	0.6	ì	1.4	-		
	¹ Base: 198	18-89=100.C	. <sup>2</sup> Bas	e: 1989-90=	100.0.	<sup>3</sup> Source: A	Australian Bui	reau of Agricultu	ral and Resourc	ce Economi	cs
	⁴ Base: 198	7-88-100 O									
	pase. 198	n •aa-:100.0									



# BANKING AND FINANCE

	QUEEN	SLAND—ALL	BANKS1,			QUEENSLAI	ND-BUILDI	NG SOCI	IETIES	
	DEPOS	ITS		, LO,	ANS	LENDING O	PERATIONS			
	Term	Other <sup>:</sup>	Tota	al Oth	er lending <sup>e</sup>	Loans advance	-	( commit- unused	Receipts	Withdrawa
Month	\$m	Sm	\$m	Sm		Sm	\$m		\$m	\$m
1996		*****	*********	********	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			*****	*****	000000000
November December 1997	21 544 23 751	18 71 20 37			626 093	127.3 61.6	158.7 <b>88</b> .3		2 977.2 9 <b>26.8</b>	2 909.0 959.4
January February	23 562 23 420	20 650 20 873			163 485	61.0 64.8	93.2 101.6		<b>901</b> .5 971.5	914.1 950.7
********	********	********				od of previous		4 4 4 X 9 4 .	******	. >
<b>1997</b> February	15.8	22.8			15.3	<b>-</b> 54.2	-46.8		-51.8	<del>-</del> 51.7
	QUEENSL	.AND—FINAN	ICE COMMIT	MENTS	•••••				• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
	PERSONA	sL			*********	COMMERCIA	iL		***********	LEASE
	All banks	Credit cooperatives	Finance companies	Other	Total	All banks	Finance companies	Other	Total	Total
Month	\$m	Sm	\$m	\$m	\$m	Sm	\$m	\$m	Sm	\$m
	and services	******	******	*******	****					. > < . 0 < . 2
1996 November	353.9	33.2	87.6	19.3	404.0	1.440.0				
December	365.2	36.8	80.0	19.3 14.6	494.0 496.7	1 440.0 1 208.0	161.4 153.5	83. <u>1</u> 123.1	1 684.4 1 484.6	127.3 127.8
1997								120.1	1 +04.0	127.0
January February	384.0 398.6	37.0 40.1	86.0 78.8	12.3 14.2	519.3 531.8	1 363.0	140.9	50.8	1 554.7	110.4
****		70.1	,	14.2		1 060.3	141.1	80.8	1 282.2	122.0
			% CHANGE	(from correspo		d of previous y			********	*****
1997			W OHNING	(nom correspo	unius beilo	a or previous y	ear)			
	11.7	1.2	-22.6	-35.2	2.2	5.1	6,8	-25,6	2.6	-1.9
February										
February ७५६६६८२		AND—HOŲSI	ING FINANCE	FOR OWNER			U <b>STRALIA</b> —	INTERES	•	* * * * * * * *
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *		AND—HOUSI Per				N AI		INTERES	•	* * <b>*</b> * * *
February  •••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	QUEENSLA	AND—HOUSI Per buil Sm	ING FINANCE manent Idling societies	FOR OWNER ( Other lenders	OCCUPATIO! Total \$m	N AI He ov %	USTRALIA— ousing loans fo oner occupation	INTERES r n	ST RATES	<b>**</b>
*****	QUEENSLA	AND—HOUSI Per buil Sm	ING FINANCE manent Idling societies	FOR OWNER ( Other lenders	OCCUPATIO! Total \$m	N AI He	USTRALIA— ousing loans fo oner occupation	INTERES r n	ST RATES	<b>* * \$</b> \$ \$ \$
● 安 島 駅 柳 駅 単 夕 · Month	QUEENSLA	AND—HOUSI Per buil Sm	ING FINANCE manent Idling societies	FOR OWNER ( Other lenders	OCCUPATIO! Fotal \$m	N AI He ov %	USTRALIA— ousing loans fo oner occupation	INTERES r n	ST RATES	<b>* * % % </b>
Month  1996  November  December	QUEENSLA  All banks  Sm	AND—HOUSI Per buil Sm	ING FINANCE manent iding societies	Other lenders  \$m	OCCUPATIO!  *Total  Sm	N AI He ov %	USTRALIA— ousing loans fo oner occupation	INTERES r n	ST RATES	** \$ \$ \$ \$
Month  1996  November	QUEENSLA  All banks  \$m  585.2	AND—HOUSI Per buil Sm ***********************************	ING FINANCE manent Iding societies	Other lenders  \$m  72.9 65.4	Total \$m 719.8 665.3	N AI He ov %	USTRALIA— pusing loans for mer occupation  8.8 8.3	INTERES r n	ST RATES	** \$ \$ \$ \$
Month  1996  November  December	QUEENSL4  All banks  \$m  585.2 560.5	AND—HOUSI Per buii Sm **********************************	ING FINANCE manent Iding societies	Other lenders  \$m  72.9	OCCUPATIO!  *Total  \$m  719.8	N AI He ov %	USTRALIA— ousing loans for oner occupation	INTERES r n	ST RATES	<b>声举</b> 多 \$ \$
Month  1996  November  December  1997  January  February	QUEENSLA  All banks  \$m  585.2 560.5  563.8 636.1	AND—HOUSI Per buil Sm ***********************************	manent Iding societies	Other lenders \$m 72.9 65.4 57.5 70.3	Total \$m 719.8 665.3 663.6 759.3	N A1  He  OV  96	USTRALIA— busing loans for the recoupation  8.8 8.3 8.3 7.6	INTERES	ST RATES	F * 9 8 61
Month  1996 November December 1997 January February	QUEENSLA  All banks  \$m  585.2 560.5  563.8 636.1	AND—HOUSI Per buil Sm ***********************************	manent (ding societies)  1.8 9.4 2.3 2.9	Other lenders \$m  72.9 65.4  57.5 70.3	70ta/ \$m 719.8 665.3 663.6 759.3	N AI He ov %	USTRALIA— busing loans for occupation  8.8 8.3 8.3 7.6	INTERES	ST RATES	** * * * * *
Month  1996  November  December  1997  January  February	QUEENSLA  All banks  \$m  585.2 560.5  563.8 636.1	AND—HOUSI Per buil Sm ***********************************	manent Iding societies  1.8 9.4 2.3 2.9 % CHANGE	Other lenders \$m  72.9 65.4  57.5 70.3	70ta/ \$m 719.8 665.3 663.6 759.3	N A+ OW % ***********	USTRALIA— busing loans for occupation  8.8 8.3 8.3 7.6	INTERES	ST RATES	* * 9 8 4



# **BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS**

	AUSTR	ALIA			********	••••				QUEENSLAND
	TRADII PERFO	NG RMANCE.		INVESTI	MENT	EMPLOY- MENT	OPERATING EXPENSES	INTERNATRADE .		SALES
Quarter	Sales	Selling prices	Profit	Capitai	Stocks			Imports	Exports	
*****						*****		*****		*****
	SHO	RT-TERM	OUTLOOK	—Expected	aggregat	e change fro	m the previou	is quarter	(%)	
1996										
September	1.6	0.2	4.2	2.0	0.2	0.3	1.3	2.7	2.6	1.4
December	1.6	0.2	3.7	2.6	-0.6	0.3	1.4	1.4	2.6	1.2
1997										
March	0.4	0.1	-2.9	5.8	0.1	-0.4	0.8	0.5	0.6	-0.4
June	1.6	0.3	7.8	3.4	-0.3		1.0	5,9	1.6	1.4
******			*****	*****	, , , , , , , , ,	*****	******			*****
MEDIUM	I-TERM OL	JTLOOK—	Expected	aggregate o	hange fro	m the corres	sponding quar	rter of the	previous	vear (%)
1997			•	-	_				•	, ,
June	3.6	1.5	13.5	1.1	0.4	0.5	2.2	2.8	5.2	3.6
September	3.1	1.2	10.1	6.6	**	0.6	2.4	3.6	4.7	2.5
December	3.1	0.9	9.6	1.2		0.3	2.2	2.1	3.4	3.3
1998										
March	2.9	0.9	12.2	3.2	0.3	0.5	1.8	3.0	3.8	2.8

	AUSTRALIA	·*************************************	
	ACTUAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.	,	
	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery	Total
Period	\$m	\$m	\$m
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1994-95	8 630	25 692	34 321
1995-96	11 875	26 727	38 601
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	AUSTRALIA		
	EXPECTED CAPITAL EXPENDITUE	₹E <sup>1</sup>	
	CALEGRED ON TIME EXPERIENCE		
Period	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery	Total
	\$m	<b>\$</b> m	\$m
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6 months to June 1997	7 757	13 655	21 413
1996-97	14 711	28 285	42 996
1997–98	12 798	21 885	34 683
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 $<sup>^{1}\,</sup>$  Not directly comparable with estimates of actual capital expenditure due to likely over/under realisation.

# **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains latest estimates for a comprehensive range of economic indicators. Statistics shown in this publication are the latest available at the date of preparation. In a number of cases figures appearing in this publication are preliminary and are subject to revision in subsequent issues. Reference should therefore always be made to the latest issue or to the statistical publication on the specific subject.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION

- **2** Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour.
- **3** The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular components of the seasonally adjusted series and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13–term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months except the last six. The last six monthly trend estimates are obtained by applying surrogates of the Henderson average to the seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time.
- **4** While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller and after 3 months have a negligible impact on the series. Revisons also occur as a result of the annual review of seasonal factors.
- **5** Users may wish to refer to the ABS Publication: *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series Monitoring 'Trends'*, *An Overview* (1348.0) for more detailed information on smoothing seasonally adjusted time series data.

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- **6** The ABS has developed an experimental Composite Leading Indicator (CLI) which summarises the early signals contained in a selection of economic indicators. The CLI is calculated as a simple average of the short-medium term movements in eight indicators. On average during the 1970s and 1980s, the CLI led turning points in the GDP(A) growth cycle by around two quarters, but the lead time for individual peaks and troughs varied considerably.
- **7** Expansions and slow downs in activity are measured relative to the historical long-term trend; thus *peaks and troughs in the CLI provide early signals of turning points in the growth cycle*, not signals of recessions and recoveries.

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**10** Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between totals and sums of the component items.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

- n.a. not available
  n.y.a. not yet available
  .. not applicable
- nil or rounded to zero



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